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Bissell, Rosser, Stephan Vie Today for Presidential Honors

'Spring Swing' Enhances Canteen Membership Drive

Last April 8, the rejuvenated Neet-nac opened its doors to two hundred students who quickened the canteen's "Spring Swing" or "Who Blew That Fuse?" Apparalled in its fresh spring costume, the Moreland-Lee institution thumped out of working order three fuses because of an overloaded electrical circuit. Aiming at a record membership campaign during May, the canteen board went all out in its appeal to the public. Two red and blue spotlights, along with the unfamiliar indirect lighting, intensified the night-club tone.

The show that night gave us much food for thought. Mary Lou Dunn, who tap-danced her way across the Neet-nac, and Pat Allen, singing to instrumental accompaniment, headlined the entertainment bill. The miracle of the rebirth of Shaker's dance band, the Skyliners, was wrought. Many a time we have supposed it peacefully smouldering in its grave. But there it was. Frank Tichy was belligerently picking on a drum three times his size, and Ian Seeds, Dick Tappenden, and Larry Gottfried provided other jam sessions. Fulton and Scott recordings, however, were the ultimate substructure for the evening's dancing. Dick Falls rolled the merriment into high gear by acting as impressario.

The Shaker Heights Sun, recent community newspaper, had flashbulbs blinking throughout the festivities, snapping this social whirl.

The sustenance end of the "Spring Swing" was handled by hot dogs in addition to the canteen's regular bill of fare. A novel table arrangement blended with table service realized the long dream of the Food Committee. Mary Ann and Dorothy Forbes served as chef captains.

Early next month the Neet-nac inaugurates its annual membership campaign. The canteen has proved itself a solid arrangement. Who can forget the spirited pep rally held there preceding the Lakewood football tilt, the Christmas shindig, the Valentine election of Shaker's royal couple, or this April party? Where else can victuals be found that even come close to the Canteen's price range? Where can one dance for a dollar a year in the rich atmosphere which the Neet-nac affords? Is not the intersection of Moreland and Lee as centrally located as any spot in Shaker?

Only good judgment can answer these questions. And the answer will be returned in the form of an all-time high Neet-nac membership.

Ellis Addresses Fifty Pilgrims

The semester is still so young that students are occasionally making interesting discoveries about Shaker and its peculiar inhabitants. On the afternoon of April 3 in the Teacher's Cafeteria Mr. Reynold Ellis retraced his wartime association with the United States Army for the benefit of Mrs. Eva Barrow's Travel Club and four guest teachers. Captain Ellis's story of life in the Amazon River country where he was stationed, registered well with the curious audience. The continual rain of that country, the particular war mission in which he was involved, the fabled settlements along the river, and Rio de Janiero were dramatically placed before a receptive group.

Preceding his remarks milk and brownies, contrived by the club's culinary chief, Margaret Shovary, sought repose in the profound retreats of 57 stomachs.

At the April 24 meeting of the Travel Club David C. Meck, president of the Cleveland Law College, will appear as the guest speaker. Judge Meck traveled to Asia Minor as a member of the commission dispatched there by President Roosevelt.

12As Put 'Best Foot Forward' May 17

"Best Foot Forward," the Senior Class play to be presented on May 17, is rolling along on schedule, with rehearsals three times a week claiming the afternoons of Shaker's contributions to the Lunts and Fontainnes of tomorrow's theater. Mrs. Lucille Thrailkill, who has directed the senior plays for the past several years, is once again this year at the helm.

The complete cast, chosen after careful tryout, are, in their order of appearance, as follows: Bob Wood, Hugh Wells, John Richardson, Bill Conant, Jim Smith, Dick Tappenden, Janet Miller, Joan Hunt.

Elizabeth Duffil, Marilyn Michell, Don Fribourg, Don McDonnell, Sally Deutsch, Warren Riebe, Joe Hendrich, Mary Lou Holland, and Martha Lou Brown.

Already at work behind the scenes are the various sub-committees such as Promotion, Management, and Costuming, that have a great deal to do with the success of the final production. "Best Foot Forward" was written by John C. Holm, and is produced through the permission of Samuel French, Inc., New York.

Cards Greet Winners

Several months ago the Harry Doehla Art Company announced a national greeting card contest for high school students. The cards could represent any holiday or occasion but they had to be carried out in full color. After much deliberation and basketfuls of waste paper, each art student submitted a piece of paper, nine by twelve inches, on which reposed his best creation.

The most outstanding cards were sent to New York, where a jury of nationally known artists judged them.

Then a few weeks ago the art department received a letter stating that six Shaker students had won in the city-wide contest. These talented young Shakerites are: Doreas Plunkett, Nora Patterson, Jackie Grashaw, Carolyn Raymond, Lloyd Omura, and Peter Tripodes.

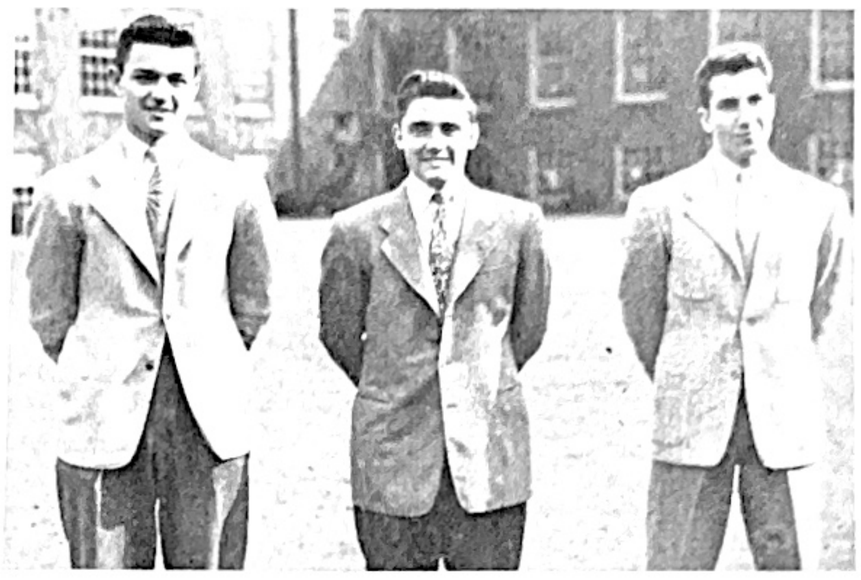

Photo by Roderick

Pictured here as they will appear in this morning's campaign assembly are presidential candidates George Bissell, Forrest Rosser, and Ralph Stephan.

The Editor Speaks: On Student Elections

In a few moments, all of us will go to the auditorium for the annual student election campaign assembly. Climaxing last week's hustle and bustle of floaters and slogans, this assembly will bring to the fore the more serious, the more significant side of this whole election business.

We shall hear the speeches of some thirteen candidates and their respective campaign managers. Each and every one of this "baker's dozen" of Shakerites has evidenced his school spirit and personal willingness to co-operate in student government by volunteering his services for an office of responsibility and trust in the Shaker Cabinet. In presenting his platform, each candidate will be choosing the planks of which his conception of a stable administrative policy is constructed. Each campaign manager, in extolling the virtues and measure of qualification of his candidate will be attempting to convey to us a sincere picture of a willing and able potential office-holder.

Many of us perhaps feel we know already just whose name will rate the all-powerful "X" on our individual ballot. Regardless of any predetermined decisions, it is the obligation of every Shakerite to pay close and careful attention to every candidate and his speech. Watch his manner; an efficient officer should be able to speak effectively before crowds of fellow students. Soak up what he is saying; it represents his ideal of student government as it will be administered throughout the coming year.

Chief among the comments echoed in Shaker's hallowed halls on election eve is the plaintive plea: "That's the trouble with one of these elections—you never know who to vote for." And true it is. Now is our chance, through careful attention and thoughtful consideration, to determine for ourselves our choices for next year's student officers.

A. P.

Gorling Grabs Gravy

On Friday, three school offices will be filled for next year. The fourth office is already assured of capable direction. Duke Gorling, 11B, has been chosen Assistant Treasurer of the Student Council, after undergoing a written examination, and being found best qualified of the ten candidates for the office. He will become Treasurer when Warren Riebe, the present "Pen Pusher and Check Checker," graduates this June.

As Treasurer, Duke will supervise the Student Fund, the combined funds of all school groups. Until then, he will assist the present treasurer, and study his new duties more thoroughly.

Families Aided By French Club

This year the French Club, sponsored by Miss Laitem, is carrying on a very interesting program. At each of its monthly meetings the club, president of which is Florence Apodine, has an outside speaker.

Early in the winter, the names of two war-stricken French families were received through Dr. E. B. De Sauze. The club has been working hard to keep boxes going to these people. To the DeMol Family, which consists of the parents and seven children, the students have sent eight boxes, weighing eleven pounds each and containing food, clothing, and toys. The LeClerce family consists only of Madame LeClerce and her daughter. To them four boxes have been sent.

The students in the French Club anxiously await news from their friends, who live in Provins, which is south of Paris. A letter has been received from each family and in the letter from the DeMols were three photographs. These letters were so appreciative that they have served as an inspiration to the Club to continue its worthy work.

Proof that these families are in great need of food was found in the letter from the DeMols. An approximate list of their rations for their family of eleven is as follows: 11 slices of bread a day; 1/5 lb. of meat a week; ¼ lb. butter a month; 2/5 lb. of lard a month; 2/5 lb. of margarine a month; ¼ lb. of coffee a month.

Candidates Air Their Policies

This week, Shakerites are again excited over a long established custom. Though in many places such a campaign as this is unheard of, at Shaker it is an annual event. Therefore, it was considered the most natural thing in the world when, for several days before Spring Vacation, Ross Cowan, the present Student President, announced that the election campaign for student offices would commence shortly after vacation. In response to the call for students eager to give the extra time, and undertake the responsibilities of student office, thirteen outstanding sophomores and juniors volunteered. In addition, each of these thirteen has a campaign manager, ready to fight for "candidate and cause." Entering the lists for the presidency are George "Suds" Bissell, managed by Bob Roberts, Forrest "Skip" Rosser, aided by Jerry Cook, and Ralph Stephan, with Bob Wood as campaign manager.

Striving for the vice presidential post are Sam Caruso, Jane Knowlton, Dick "Beanie" McLaughlin, and Dave Sachs.

The largest field for any office, and, incidentally, the largest at Shaker for many years, is that for the secretary slate. Six sophomores, Adele Bekeny, Bill Beutel, Pat Casey, Anne Cowan, Jo Ellis, and Fred Harrell, all are campaigning for this post.

In addition to the opportunity for election, which is in itself a great privilege, the candidates are given a wide variety of ways in which to conduct a successful campaign. Shakerites will have an opportunity to know their candidates before voting. Today, the candidates and their campaign managers will all have the privilege of addressing the campaign assembly as to why Joe Doakes should be Secretary, instead of Susie Smith. Then, for the next forty-eight hours, all the kids will think over the speeches and other merits of their pals, and on Wednesday the Primary Election will be held to narrow the field for each office down to three candidates. In the meantime, the voters will be barraged by all sorts of literature praising each candidate's merits. Finally, on Friday, the Big moment will come. To the nine eager finalists, and to a lesser extent their campaign managers, this will be "IT." The weeks of feverish campaigning will be over, and the voting will be the thing that counts (as well as the tallyers, of course). The candidate whom the greatest number of Shakerites think best qualified for each office will have the thrill of hearing his name announced as winner, and will be inaugurated on May 22. The other six finalists will swallow hard, and then rush up and congratulate the winners.

Among those who work longest and hardest during election week are the members of the Student Civics Committee, who circulate the ballots and tabulate the votes. This committee consists of Dick Moat, chairman, Nancy Priode, Sam Caruso, Bill Hanscom, Jerry Davis, and Dave Goldblatt.

Quiet, Please!

By Sydney Pennington

Jeepers, creepers! What's happening around here? What has brought about this lazy atmosphere in school? And what is that brilliant mass looking down from the blue skies above? Gee whiz! It's the sun! Well, come on gang! Let's get hep! As the moron said when he cut the mattress open, "Spring is here!"

Yes, sir! It's spring again. De boid's on de wing again. But dat's absoid, 'cuz de wing is on de boid! I wonder what it is about this shimmering season that seems to change us completely. Everything seems to have a different appearance, including the chicks and chucks around our own alma mater.

Sweaters and skirts are slowly being put back into moth balls, and checked pinafores and flowered dresses are beginning to appear.

And the boys! Woe is me! Don't you fellas like your hair? Why, oh why, must you suddenly venture forth with the perennial "butch" haircuts? As for your hair— "Let it grow, let it grow, let it grow" (well, not that much, but you know what we mean).

Of course, you know 'tis in spring that a young man's fancy lightly turns to what the girls have been thinking about all winter! That same young man's fancy also turns to not attending his "beloved" classes quite so regularly. A few of our feminine Shakerites may be guilty of the above crime, too.

Let's take a quick gander at a couple of the signs of spring which we probably all have noticed. With the hesitant departure of winter, heavy coats, mittens, boots, (and, of course, snow) have disappeared. During the time that spring was debating about how to enter, our trusty (?) little umbrellas got their workout.

Have you noticed lately that the spring mornings seem so quiet? (Quiet, that is—like the moron who tiptoed past the medicine cabinet so that he wouldn't wake the sleeping pills! Ouch!—your writer never goes off the subject. Heavens, no!)----Lapse of time-----Getting back to spring (I've caught a cold id by dose) isn't it sorta fun to wake up in the morning to find the sun shining? Hmmm? Doesn't it make you want to get ready real fast and run toward school? Hmmm? "No," you say? You'd rather run the other way? Oh, well! I tried.

Of course, there's always another side to everything, so let's keep in mind that all won't be rosy for everyone this spring. There are loads of families in our own community, as well as all over the world, for whom there is still much grief. Many of our Shaker boys are spending this wonderful season, not at home with their friends and families where they should be, but away in some distant country or in a part of America unknown to them. Some of these boys will return and some will not. It's up to us to do *all* we can so that this, our first peacetime spring in 5 years, for which these boys fought so hard, will be followed by *no more* war-time springs!

So come on gang! Let's get hep! "Spring is here!"

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Two by Two

Dave Dressler

Dave is the dark, slender senior who seems to have a certain magic way with people around him. As proof of his popularity and ability, we offer some of his activities. Dave Dressler is a booster captain, is in the Congressional Club, and is Gristmill Editor. He is very active in all kinds of sports, but he enjoys tennis and basketball more than any of the rest. This prodigy was a returning letter-man on the basketball team this year and was one of the outstanding players.

All outdoor life appeals to Dave; he spent last summer as a counselor at a camp for younger children in Maine. However, now he has grown tired of "little kids," and if the Army doesn't have a priority rating on his summer after he attains the ripe old age of eighteen this June, Dave'd like to travel and see the country.

English, chemistry, sociology, and German comprise Dave's schedule this semester. Science doesn't appeal to him a bit, but social studies has always been Dave's favorite subject. Although he is very busy with his many activities, somehow—how is a question even he can't answer—the mental marvel in question manages to keep his grades far above average.

Likes and dislikes with this Shakerite are more on the liking side. With Dave, it's plaid shirts when you can get them, and even when you can't. The perfect dinner for him starts out with shrimp cocktail, then steak, French fried potatoes, peas (but definitely no salad), and winds up with strawberry shortcake.

We proudly point to Dave as one of the Shaker boys that not one of us will ever forget. His good-natured good humor and superb sense of fair play will make us remember him as the swell fellow that he is. Dave hopes to go to Dartmouth, eventually (when Congress makes up its mind about the Army, that is), and then he'll take a try at the business world. Whatever this agreeable boy takes up, we're dead sure he'll make good. Swell and considerate fellows like him are few and far between.

Cowan's Corner

Well, here we are again, right in the middle of a warm spring time and a hot election campaign. Last week was consumed in a blaze of posters, slogans, and floaters, but today the candidates will be put to the real test, when they come in person before every Shakerite. The school as a whole should be alert during every speech, noting the strength of the platforms and the quality of their deliverance. This is important, not only to us who will use what we see and hear this morning as food for thought from now till the x's are placed on the ballots, but also, to each of the thirteen candidates who have worked hard on their speeches in order that they might convey clearly what they stand for. And, speaking of the thirteen fellows and girls that have tossed their hats into the ring, the size of the group, probably the largest in the High School's history, is representative of the growing interest in our student government.

Besides heralding elections, the April showers serve as a reminder of something that has almost passed unnoticed. Last year at this time, the Neetnac was nearing its opening night—that's right—we're just about to celebrate our canteen's first anniversary. All the people that have worked so hard and so well on the Operating Committee, as workers at the counter, or as entertainment, deserve hearty thanks. In the next few weeks, there will be an effort to make some of the changes and improvements that you have asked for, and that the Committee has found necessary. If you have any constructive suggestions for the improvement of the Neetnac, drop them off at the Council or Shakerite Office and they will receive immediate consideration.

Before I close, I would like to reiterate for the entire student body, the feeling of pride in the candidates, their excellent campaigns and their deep scholastic interest. To each of them I extend my hopes for success in the speeches this morning, and in the elections on Wednesday.

Credit to Lister

Verna Hempy

Our April "Two by Two-er" is a gal known by some who meet up with her in the solemn chambers of the Central Committee's meetings, but by most for the terrific personality and enthusiasm that flashes by in our hallowed halls. It's almost an understatement to say that Verna Hempy cuts "quite a figure" here at Shaker.

In addition to the Central Committee, Verna's Chairman of a Student Council Committee. She has definite mermaid tendencies too. As well as being president of Sharcs, she captains the swimming leaders. One afternoon last winter, reluctantly leaving our Chlorinated Cumberland, she neglected to dry her curly locks, so that upon arriving home she had a thoroughly frozen feather cut. Next to eating and sleeping she likes swimming best of all, and literally drowns her sorrows in the pool.

A 12A, Verna is taking English, Chemistry, French, and Clothing. She's been accepted at De Pauw University, but if William and Mary College flashes the green light, she'll go there. She claims that she's not very talented and the only thing she can draw is a conclusion (credit to Joanne Clark). That's a joke, son.

When men are mentioned (which happens very infrequently, of course), Verna prefers blondes but "extenuating circumstances lead to the decision that now I'll accept brown instead. As a whole, I hate 'em (men, that is). They're always doing something—but of course there are exceptions."

Comes June, Verna will set out to seek her fortune, and although she's sorry to graduate, Shaker's twice as sorry to see her leave.

Andydotes
By Andy

Once again Shaker has proved that comes the Spring, a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of going steady. The latest victims of the lovebug are: Beth Lewis and Jim Mericka, Laura Lechner and Ralph Stephan and Dot Hurt and Bill Naegel.

It's rather disillusioning to us "palefaces" to have the Leidners and "Mitch" pop up with those gorgeous tans. Especially after we've spent many shivering hours on the back porch trying to get a wee bit darker from the weak Ohio sunshine—in vain.

Not satisfied with Shaker's crop of Supermen, Betty Brown and Barbie White found their "one and onlys" at Heights.

Many laughs have emerged from the depths of the Senior Play practices. Especially when Bill Conant proudly would say his next lines whenever there was a pause; regardless of whose turn it was to speak. Such a CUEte character!

Jackie Grashaw's flaming hair started a spark in Chuck Kinzig's heart and it has grown into a blaze exceeding all previous fires. Congratulations, kids; keep it aglow.

What with the appearance of the Valhalla calendars, it's going to be harder to think up good excuses for forgetting birthdays. Just one problem after another.

As Dave Dressler and Doug Frank sharingly date Betty Kidder each weekend, we wonder what will happen when one of them gets piggish and decides to abandon the "good brother policy."

And now after wishing much happiness to Sue Kirtz and Warren Riebe, we present to you a composite of the "smoothest Shaker sweetheart" ever to roam school halls:

Hair ..... **Laura Lechner**
Eyes ..... **Merny Hamilton**
Nose ..... **Mary Lou Hannon**
Mouth ..... **Pinkie Broadbent**
Smile ..... **Mary Roderick**
Figure ..... **Betty Janssen**
Legs ..... **Sally Auer**
Clothes ..... **Mary Lou Holland**
Personality ..... **Marilyn Michell**
Popularity ..... **Jane Casey**
Friendliness ..... **Betty Coen**
Joviality ..... **Judy Emerson**
Sincerity ..... **Jane Dyer**
Character ..... ***Joanie Griffiths***
Intelligence ..... ***Audrey Tomlinson***
Loyalty ..... ***Pam Method***
Fickleness ..... ***Dot Hurt***
Mystery ..... ***Beth Lewis***
Dancing Ability ..... ***Boots Pickering***
Athletic Ability ..... ***Bunny Pribble***
Best Couple ..... **Pam Method and Dick Falls**

News From Camps and Campuses

By Beverly Rich

"Hiho, hi-ho, it's back to college we go"—that's the theme song of many of Shaker's discharged Servicemen. **Rany Ostertheler** is going to Hiram college, **Frank Collister** (who was a German prisoner), to the University of Texas, and **John Sullivan** to Rochester; **Ed Masch** has been accepted at Kenyon, while Michigan has put out the welcome mat for **Arthur Neuman; Jim Jones** has entered the School of Commerce at Ohio State; **Neil Erdman,** who acted as an interpreter with the 3rd Army, has entered Western Reserve; and **Dave McCall,** who served in the same capacity in the Philippines, has entered the Graduate School of Harvard. All of which goes to explain why it's so hard for some of us to get into colleges these days!

Many of the boys still in service have made plans for continuing their educations just as soon as they are 'full-fledged civilians' once again. **Lee Kuhner** has applied to Kent College, and **Bob Hendrich** to the University of Wisconsin; **Bill Lelievre** has already been accepted at Amherst, **Tom Peters** (still in Manila) at George Washington University, and **Dick Brailey** at Colgate.

We were glad to see **Chuck Wise, Roger Bercu, Ed Meyers, Dick Elder, Howy Gerson,** and **Tom Fribley,** were recently home on leaves, and looking mighty handsome in their uniforms. (Did you notice Tom Fribley's sun tan gals?—well, hubba-hubba!)

Remember that German rifle Rudy Glin promised to send Mrs. Sacha? Well, it arrived the other day. Mrs. Sacha took one look at it, and nearly collapsed. Oh well, it was a sweet thought anyway!

Chester Ferchow (formerly in Italy with the Air Corps) completed his winter quarter at Ohio State with 3 A's and a B. (He and Mr. Einstein are thinking of working together on a new formula for the atom bomb!)

Allan Reeve is now at Oxford College, after his discharge from the Army. He writes: "The program here is quite different from anything we have back in the States. What with studying philosophy, politics, and economics, my time is pretty well occupied." Now I don't know why he says that!

Tom Paisley, recently commissioned 2nd Lieut., is stationed in Japan as a physical training officer.

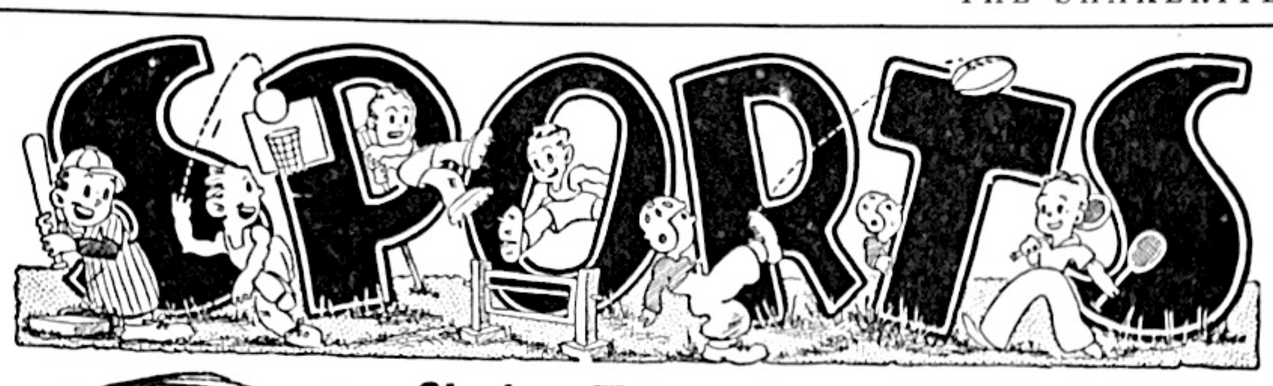
Orchids to **Polly Povejsil** who has been accepted at Duke.

With everyone returning home and being discharged, we feel sorry for **Jim Marous,** who is stationed at Camp Perry and expects to "put out" to sea any day now.

The Army is catching up with **Homer Guren** at last. The poor guy has to report for his physical any day now, all of which mean to him, goodbye, Ohio State.

Many, many congrats to **Fleming Blair,** AFS, who received a citation from, of all people, the King of England!

Greetings to **Chuck Small** and **Ade Lathe,** whom the Army saw fit to send home, on furloughs, that is.



With the closing of the state and city tournaments in swimming and wrestling respectively, these two winter sports ended their 1946 season. The mermen came through with a third, being paced by the free style relay team of Wells, Mericka, Kolb, and McKay, which took a first. In addition to the relay team, Mericka nailed a second in the 50-yard free style and Wells a fourth in the diving.

The wrestling team also closed their season successfully when they finished fourth. Milt Klein led the grapplers by taking a first while Jim Smith and Don Edleman garnered seconds. Al Littman captured a third place and Shelly Estes and Pete Tripodes received fourths for the co-city champs.

Shaker was also represented in the A. A. U. wrestling tournament, and Jim Smith walked away with a first place trophy. Milt Klein added to his laurels as he captured a second. Thus the wrestling team ended one of its finest seasons. Next year's returning lettermen include Ross San Fillipo, Don Edleman, and Lefty Janssen who undoubtedly will keep up the team's fine record.

Congratulations to this year's basketball varsity men: Art Portugal, Bill Gregg, Jack Balazs, Dave Dressler, Bob Chamberlin, Carl Cummings, Suds Bissell, and Jerry Cook. Cook, Bissell, Gregg and Chamberlin will be back to lead a promising quintet.

Shaker Triumphs In League Finale

Upsetting Lakewood's mighty Class A district champion cagers, 38-24, Shaker again proved that they have enough late season fight to humble even the best of teams. The West Side courtmen took the first contest between the two, 44-27. Although Shaker had long since lost Mike Narten and Jim Jones, the Purple and Gold lineup remained the same for the finale, featuring All-Scholastic Center Johnny Yuhas.

A week or so after the last tussle with Coach Ross's quintet, the Red and White met heavily favored Rocky River, which boasted seventeen consecutive wins, and once more showed that same spirit and teamwork that had produced unexpected victories before. Piling up a six to eight point lead, the Schoemen were never headed until the final minute. With 44 seconds remaining Bob Sarles, River forward, popped in two field goals from the vicinity of the foul line to deadlock the battle at 39-39, which was the score as regulation time came to a close. In the overtime period Art Portugal tallied off the backboard from half court to give Shaker the lead, but the Maroon and White tied it up. With but seven seconds left, Don Seedhouse of River connected on a free throw to end the scoring, with the Raiders on the small end of a 42-41 score. Jerry Cook was high scorer and played a terrific game all the way. Bill Gregg, Dave Dressler, Art Portugal, and Bob Chamberlin helped the Home Team's cause considerably.

After the regular schedule was ended, the sophomores put up a very good fight against Thomas Edison, but bowed to a squad that should be playing varsity teams, 31-41.

Photo by Sachs

Ralph Stephan captures a first in the Maple Heights-Bedford triangular meet.

'Thinclads' Extend Streak

Coach Singer's trackmen have chalked up two triumphs to extend Shaker's string of victories in dual and triangular meets to 26. The cindermen ran over Bedford and Maple Heights, piling up 93½ points. They then trounced Latin by the narrow margin of six markers, 62-56. The outstanding performers this year have been Ralph Stephan, Ed Meadow, Jim Weizer, Dave Clyde, Ralph Krohngold, and Doug Frank.

Schoen's Sluggers Start Season

Fifty-seven erstwhile candidates reported for baseball practice on April 1, with hopes held high. This hope was shared by Coach Norm Schoen who will endeavor to launch Shaker's second baseball season with a slew of victories. The team's chances center chiefly on the eight returning lettermen, who are Suds Bissell, Lennie Lewis, Bill Fotheringham, Jerry Cook, Burt Rayden, Dick Schultz, Phil Dawson, and Skip Rosser.

Rosser, Dawson, and Mike Smith are the leading pitchers and Bissell will probably exchange first base for the pitcher's mound on occasions when his left-handed slants are needed to cut down opposing batsmen.

The infield will be headed by the promising Shultz at shortstop and Herb Polk at third base. Experienced, though not a letterman, Polk with the loss of some of his avoirdupois should be the leading man for the hot corner job. First and second present problems, for Bissell will be needed on the mound and a good first baseman will be required to fill in for him when necessary. Although needed at second, Rayden may thus see action at first. In any case Charley Bondurant is out for first, while Don Edleman and Jerry Davis top a long list of potential keystone sackers. Thus the reserve infield problem could be solved by these three.

Lewis and Fotheringham have two outfield positions clinched but the third position remains wide open. Dick Mapes and Dave Donaldson with experience from last year are out again, but they will have plenty of competition from many other eager gardeners.

Jerry Cook is the catcher and Jack Horner will be on top if needed, so this position is in good shape.

Many fellows not mentioned here will no doubt earn their way into prominent positions on the team, and some of the vaunted veterans will be extended for their jobs despite the fact that there will be only twenty uniforms for the time being.

Tomorrow, April 23, the team will play its official opener against Shaw here at the Shaker diamond.

School support of the baseball squad is expected to be strong.

Shaker Snares Track Trophy

As another track season looms up, Shaker's would-be track stars have begun their rapid climb to success. Donning their spike shoes and track uniforms, they invaded the Cleveland Arena, Friday, March 29, and came triumphantly through with the Class B Championship trophy, which is now resting so serenely in the lower hall showcase.

Starring in this victory were Ed Meadow and Ralph Stephan, who together tallied 18 points for the Shaker cause, winning the mile hand in hand, and arriving first and second respectively in the half-mile event. Chills ran up and down every Shakerite's spine as Ralph came from sixth place to second in the last fifty yards of the half-mile event.

Our relay teams also contributed in this order: mile relay: Dave Clyde, John Ruffini, Ted Bamberger, Neil Ruddock. Two-mile relay: Ted Bamberger, Joel Toby, Bill Shepler, Bill Slingluff. Half-mile relay: Doug Frank, Dick Falls, Ross Cowan, Bob Render.

Tallying 38 points, Shaker was six points ahead of its closest opponent, West High School.

The boys, despite bad breaks in weather, have been working out considerably, and the following probable line-up for meets has been determined:

Mile run: Ed Meadow, Ralph Stephan.

Half-mile run: Ed Meadow, Ted Bamberger, Joel Toby, Bill Shepler.

440-yard dash: John Ruffini, Ted Bamberger, Dave Clyde.

Mile relay: John Ruffini, Ted Bamberger, Dave Clyde, Bruce McIntyre.

100-yard dash: Ralph Krohngold, Bob Render, Doug Frank.

Half-mile relay: Ralph Krohngold, Doug Frank, Dick Falls, Bob Render.

120-yard high hurdles: Sam Caruso, Al Kolb.

220-yard low hurdles: Sam Caruso, Dave Clyde, Neil Ruddock.

Shot put: Jim Weizer, Carl Slagle.

Discus: Ralph Stephan, Stu Kuhn.

High jump: Don Dorer, George Reinbrecht.

Broad jump: Bob Render.

Pole vault: Bob Chamberlin, Ian Seeds.

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---Athletic Annies---

By Janie and Moe

If you see, nowadays, the feminine sex groaning that they can't quite sit down, or trudging like snails down the hall, you'll know and they'll know that it is due to the strenuous exercises, which they aren't accustomed to. (poor dears) Everytime a victim of Miss Komp's classes hears "Atlanta, Ga.," "Doctor, Lawyer, Indian Chief," or any other ditties which are being played by the talented pianists, she feels like doing a push-up, or rolling on the floor. "Oh, if I could only play a piano!" the students all cry.

In addition to the exercises which really wouldn't even hurt a flea, (ouch!) modern and ballroom dancing are going on. Most classes voted for modern because they'd rather dance civilly than leap around the room. (more fun for the kiddies!)

The acrobats are making a showing with tumbling and stunts. One really difficult and almost impossible stunt (unless you have double-jointed legs) is, trying to pick up with your false teeth, a pinnie, or Nancy Reed's shorts, placed flatly on the mat. Then the second test is to try and pick up the mat. (with your teeth that is).

Heights invaded Shaker April 9th, for a big old playday of basketball. When the warm weather finally arrives, baseball, tennis, and golf will begin. If you find yourself unconscious with a lump on your head, you'll know that you were probably mistaken for the 18th hole, if they get that far. Miss Komp though will teach the strokes and the girls can play the actual game elsewhere. After all, we need our windows! and teachers!

Pretty soon the Leader's Club will admit new girls, and on a secret ballot vote some will be dropped out. They all have planned a bike hike, April 13th with our able staff chaperoning, Miss Burke and Miss Komp! Have fun, or have you gone already? Then, we hope you had a perfect time, and that the cook out dinner was luscious!

On February 16 the Sharcs Club went down to the Cleveland Athletic Club and took part in the Women's Swimming Meet. They did a formation to the music of "Over the Waves." The formation was done twice; once with the regular house lights on and again with black lights and fluorescent material.

Shaker and Cleveland Heights put on a relay race for a Community event and they won by an arm stroke. Janet Neumark, Jacquelyn Jones, Bette Janssen and Martha Leas participated in the event.

Once again the Sharcs Club will present their annual water pageant. This year May 25 is the date; the time, 8:30 p. m., and the price will be fifty cents.

The Sharcs have been practicing and will continue to practice four nights each week after school until the night of the performance of The Nutcracker Suite will be presented. Tickets can be purchased from any Sharcs member around the first of May. The tickets will be very scarce so hurry and get yours when they are first on sale.

The committees for the pageant are as follows: Executive—Verna Hempy, Production—Nancy Becker, Publicity and Tickets—Pat Doyle, Costumes—Jo Ellis, Programs—Martha Dennis.

Bair Speaks to PTA's

On Monday, April 29, the Junior and Senior PTA's will combine forces for a joint meeting at the junior high auditorium. Preceding the assembly the Junior and Senior high choirs will present separate programs. The meeting will be highlighted by the address of Dr. F. H. Bair, former superintendent of the Shaker schools. He will speak on the subject: "The Road Ahead for Education."

Dr. Bair is at present with the New York Department of Education. During his administration the Shaker Schools became widely noted as one of the outstanding progressive systems in the country.

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